## **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, and 9-23 are canceled without prejudice herein.

In response to the Office action dated March 24, 2005, applicant has amended claim 8 to incorporate the limitations of claims 1 and 8, thereby putting this claim in condition for allowance. Claims 27 and 30 have been allowed by the Office action dated March 24, 2005. Thus all of the claims of the pending application are in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, all the rejections and objections have been successfully overcome or rendered moot.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 08-3460.

Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance of claims 8, 27, and 30 (all the claims pending in this case) be issued.

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